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REMARKS

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1. On 22 and 25 November 1950 the Bismarck Kaserne on Weissenfelserstrasse, Naumburg (M 52/J 89), was occupied by about 300 troops. About half of them, wearing black-bordered black epaulets, some with signal insignia, were quartered in the main barracks building. The other half, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia and a few with motor transport insignia, were quartered in the so-called PX building and in one main building of the installation. The wire fence surrounding the so-called PX building, was replaced by a board fence, about 2 meters high. No troops were seen in the two new buildings in the rear section of the billeting area. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified.

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2. The Hindenburg Kaserne on Schoenburgerstrasse quartered about 400 troops. Soldiers, mostly recruits, wearing black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia were quartered in the two buildings on the railroad line. Trained soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, were quartered in the two buildings behind the guard house and some of them in the second building on the railroad line, where a few trained soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia were also quartered. [redacted] new troops, undergoing driving training, were concentrated in the installation. About 25 trucks on which recruits were instructed were seen all over the billeting area.

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[redacted] About 90 percent of the driver trainees wore black-bordered red epaulets, about 10 percent red-bordered black epaulets and a few soldiers wore black epaulets. A one-star general was seen leaving the installation.

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3. About 600 troops were still quartered in the Hubertus Kaserne on the north side of Flemmingerweg. About 90 percent of them wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia and a few with the guards badge. Most of these troops were recruits. About 5 percent wore black-bordered black epaulets and about 5 percent black-bordered red epaulets. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified in the billeting area.

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4. The troops quartered in the Bluecher Kaserne on the south side of Flemmingerweg seemed to be evenly distributed throughout all of the barracks buildings. Most of them were apparently recruits, 18 to 20 years of age. Most of the soldiers observed wore black-bordered red epaulets and some red-bordered black epaulets. No branch-of-service insignia were seen. About 200 troops, wearing black-bordered red epaulets and broken down into about eight platoons, were observed in the barracks yard. An officer stood in front of each platoon, addressing the soldiers. Jeep [redacted] was identified at the installation. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed on the road to the two installations on Flemmingerweg. 50X1-HUM *
5. Truck [redacted] was parked at the AA gun emplacement just west of the Bluecher Kaserne. About 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched from the emplacement toward the barracks installations on Flemmingerweg. They were commanded by a major. Another 30 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were standing on the foot of the hill at the waterworks. 50X1-HUM
6. The Barbara Kaserne on Breitscheidstrasse was occupied by about 150 troops. Some soldiers observed there wore black-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] the trained soldiers had left the installation and that recruits had not yet arrived there to replace them. 50X1-HUM
7. [redacted] some civilian apartments near the MG Kaserne on Nordstrasse would soon be requisitioned by the Soviets. 50X1-HUM
8. Officers and soldiers of various branches of service, the latter wearing mostly black-bordered red epaulets, were seen at the Oberlandesgericht (superior provincial court building) near the cathedral. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen stringing uninsulated wire lines from the Oberlandesgericht toward the Moritzwiesen. Trucks [redacted] were parked on the parking lot on Moritzplatz. 50X1-HUM
9. Ambulance [redacted] was parked in front of the Soviet hospital on Karl Marxstrasse. About 20 medical officers left the hospital going toward the barracks installations on Flemmingerweg. 50X1-HUM
10. Coal was unloaded from trucks [redacted] in front of the Ross Hotel on Jakobsring. Truck [redacted] was parked at the Soviet office in the building opposite the Ross Hotel. * 50X1-HUM
- * Comment. The number of troops observed in some barracks installations of Naumburg is below that reported [redacted] and far below that observed in the winter of 1949/1950. [redacted] and should the figures reported in the winter of 1949/1950 have been correct, it is evident that the number of troops stationed in Naumburg has decreased. This decrease is possibly explained by reports stating that vacant barracks installations in Gotha have been occupied by units, primarily elements of the 57th Gds Ltz Rifle Div, since late August. These reports were confirmed in November. [redacted] It is therefore believed that some of the elements of the 57th Gds Ltz Rifle Div from Naumburg moved into new quarters in Gotha upon completion of the summer exercises, instead of returning to their former billets in Naumburg. 50X1-HUM

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